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SUMMARY MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL PLAN  
UPDATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS, **MAY 6,**  
**2010**, HELD AT THE LOS GATOS ADULT RECREATION CENTER, LARGE  
HALL, 208 EAST MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA.  
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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jane Ogle.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members absent: Marcia Jensen, Tom O'Donnell, Barbara Spector, and Tom Spilsbury

Staff present: Community Development Director Wendie Rooney, Associate Planner Joel Paulson

Public attendees: Penelope O'Neal

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

*Penelope O'Neal, Arts Commissioner*, stated that in the Human Services Element under Issue #4 (Cultural Resources) language should be added to "Consider a Cultural Arts Center."

**ITEM 1:** Overview of Draft 2020 General Plan Process and Contents

**ITEM 2:** Review of Focus Area Actions

- Environment and Sustainability
- Recreation, Parks and Open Space
- Youth Needs
- Senior Needs

Comments from Committee Members are included in the attached documents.

**ITEM 3:** Next Steps

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting of the GPAC is Thursday, May 20, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

  
Wendie R. Rooney, Community Development Director

GPAC recommendations on Parks Commission input from May 6, 2010 meeting:

- Action OSP-4.4 (Establish and adopt rules and responsibilities for dogs and their owners in existing public recreation areas. (new)) – Commission stated that they already adopted these. GPAC requests that staff bring information back to May 20 GPAC meeting
- Action OSP-4.5 (Conduct a study to determine the feasibility of providing dedicated off-leash dog recreation areas and/or allowing off-leash dog times at specific parks. (new)) – Remove “and/or allowing off-leash dog times at specific parks” because they already looked into this and did not support the idea. GPAC: agree
- Suggested new Action – Develop a database and GIS layers for all parks, trail and open space easements, trails, and recreation facilities. GPAC: agree
- Suggested new Action – Identify Native American/Cultural resources and Heritage Trees with interpretive signs. GPAC: agree
- Suggested new Action under Goal TRA-12 (To ensure a well-designed and well-maintained system of trails that connects the Town and open space areas. (O.P.2.4 - revised)) – Ensure that private trails are monitored and maintained. GPAC: suggested different revised language for new Action: “Monitor conservation easements for public trails on private property to ensure that trails are maintained.”
- Suggested new Action – Add action for animal control near trails (under Goal TRA-12 – See Goal above). GPAC: do not understand this input. Requested staff clarify at May 20 GPAC meeting.
- Action OSP-7.3 (Seek and obtain funding for beautification projects and trail connection opportunities along Los Gatos Creek and the Los Gatos Creek Trail. (new)) - Should include a link to the Flume Trail. GPAC: This is a comment on what the future connections should be, not a suggested change to the Action.
- Action CD-4.1 (Enact any ordinances necessary to preserve trees on public and private property. (C.P.4.1 - revised)) - add “and enforce” between “Enact” and “any” GPAC: agree
- Policy TRA-11.7 (Cooperate in implementing the 1995 Santa Clara County Master Trails Plan by including the following proposed trail routes within the Town of Los Gatos that provide critical linkages to the region:
  - a. Shannon Road (R1-A)
  - b. Los Gatos/Saratoga Road (R1-A)
  - c. Southern Pacific Rail Corridor (C-9) (T.I.5.3)) – Add Santa Rosa Trail to Kennedy Lime Kiln trail connection. GPAC: agree



GPAC recommendations on Sustainability Committee input from May 6, 2010 meeting:

- Goal ENV-3 (To protect wetlands and riparian corridors, including intermittent and ephemeral streams. (C.G.2.6 – revised) - An Action Item for Riparian Policy adoption should be added. GPAC: agree
- Goal ENV-4 (To conserve wildlife populations. (C.G.5.1)) - Wildlife habitat and migration corridors are difficult to define. We should have an Action Item to develop a Migration Corridor Plan. GPAC: agree to add Action to develop Migration Corridor Plan for hillsides.
- Policy ENV-11.7 (Encourage LEED certification or comparable certification for new non-residential buildings over 5,000 square feet. (new)) - Replace “Encourage” with “Require” GPAC: majority disagrees, minority agrees
- There should be a Policy and/or Action Item to ban styrofoam. GPAC: disagree. The Town should follow regional consensus on Styrofoam bans or similar measures.
- There should be a Policy or Action Item regarding containers for take-out food and leftovers. GPAC: disagree. The Town should follow regional consensus on Styrofoam bans or similar measures.
- Policy CD-3.5 (All landscaping shall be carefully reviewed to ensure that it is aesthetically pleasing, lush and full, compatible with its neighborhood and natural environment, and water conserving. (CD.I.1.3 - revised)) - Remove “lush and full” GPAC: agree
- Goal OSP-7 (To preserve and enhance Los Gatos Creek and the Los Gatos Creek Trail as open space amenities. (new)), Policy OSP-7.1 (Restore Los Gatos Creek to a more natural state, removing concrete channelization, where feasible. (new)), and Action OSP-7.1 (Work with the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department, the Santa Clara Valley Water District and Caltrans to develop a restoration plan for channelized segments of Los Gatos Creek. (new)) - There should be a similar Goal, Policy, and Action Item regarding Ross Creek. GPAC: agree
- There should be a Goal, Policy or Action Item that addresses the reduction of turf in public parks. GPAC: disagree
- Under Goal HS-18 (To encourage the use of recycled and reclaimed water. (new)) - There should be a Goal, Policy or Action Item that addresses graywater. GPAC: agree
- Action CD-3.1 (Prepare and adopt landscape design standards that are environmentally sensitive, encourage well-planned planting schemes that include appropriately-sized plant material, avoid the use of invasive and non-native plants and require landscaping of a sufficient density to add to the beauty of the Town. (L.I.8.7 - revised)) - Should reference Bay-Friendly Landscape Guidelines. GPAC: agree
- Action TRA-12.2 (g) (Develop and adopt detailed trail design standards that: .....g. Prohibit motorcycles, off-road vehicles and mopeds. (T.I.5.5)) - Add “segways” GPAC: insert “motorized” before “off-road vehicles” and do not add “segways.”

- Policy OSP-2.2 (The provision of open space areas should not detract from the existing character of the Town's hillsides. (O.G.4.1 - revised)) - Add back first sentence from O.G.4.1 "To provide for open space areas in the hillsides." GPAC: agree
- Policy OSP-3.8 (All natural open space shall have access by trails or local streets, with adequate protection of rare and sensitive plants and animals and their habitats, and of adjacent residential areas. (O.I.2.1 - revised)) - Add "publicly owned" between "All" and "natural" GPAC: agree
- Policy OSP-4.5 (Allow community gardens on appropriate public and private properties. (new)) - Change "Allow" to "Encourage" GPAC: agree
- Policy ENV-1.4 (Prohibit off-road vehicles and bicycles in native plant habitats. (C.P.4.14 - revised)) - Add "off trail" between "and" and "bicycles" GPAC: agree
- Policy ENV-1.6 (Use native plants that are indigenous to the Los Gatos area on Town-owned and controlled property, when feasible.) - Remove "when feasible" GPAC: agree
- Policy ENV-4.8 (Nesting sites shall be preserved in new development and within existing development. (C.P.4.6 - revised)) - Add "Existing" before "nesting" GPAC: agree
- Policy ENV-11.7 (Encourage LEED certification or comparable certification for new non-residential buildings over 5,000 square feet. (new)) - Replace "Encourage" with "Require" GPAC: disagree
- Policy HS-17.2 (Require new single-family construction to incorporate water-efficient landscaping following the Town's Water Efficiency Landscaping Ordinance. (new)) - Add "and multi-family" between "single-family" and "construction" and remove Policy HS-17.3 (Require new multi-family construction to incorporate water-efficient landscaping following the Town's Water Efficiency Landscaping Ordinance. (new)). GPAC: agree



## Parks and Recreation Focus Area Goals, Policies and Actions

### Open Space, Parks and Recreation Element

Page No./No.	Goal, Policies and Actions
Page OSP-13 Goal OSP-4	To provide recreational facilities that address the needs of the community. (new)
Policy OSP-4.1	Acquire and develop more active and passive community recreation spaces and/or facilities. (new)
Policy OSP-4.2	Encourage the development of amenities in parks and other recreational facilities that cater to a variety of ages. (new)
Policy OSP-4.3	Provide a variety of recreational facilities and programs to address the needs of families. (new)
Policy OSP-4.4	Continue to work with the Los Gatos-Saratoga Recreation District, local school districts and churches to provide shared recreational and sports facilities. (new)
Policy OSP-4.5	Allow community gardens on appropriate public and private properties. (new)
Policy OSP-4.6	Consider including more non-traditional active recreation spaces. (new)
Action OSP-4.1	<b>Conduct a study to determine the feasibility of developing active recreational game spaces such as bocce courts and outdoor chess in existing parks. (new)</b>
Action OSP-4.2	<b>Conduct a study to determine the feasibility of constructing a community pool facility. (new)</b>
Action OSP-4.3	<b>Conduct a study to determine the feasibility of developing a sports complex with multi-use fields that can accommodate more than one type of sport. (new)</b>
Action OSP-4.4	<b>Establish and adopt rules and responsibilities for dogs and their owners in existing public recreation areas. (new)</b> <i>(Town staff is investigating whether this action has already occurred.)</i>
Action OSP-4.5	<b>Conduct a study to determine the feasibility of providing dedicated off-leash dog recreation areas <del>and/or allowing off-leash dog times at specific parks.</del> (new)</b>
Action OSP-4.6	<b>Conduct a study to determine the feasibility and need for developing more picnic areas within parks. (new)</b>
Page OSP-15 Goal OSP-5	To create and maintain open space areas and parks that enhance and blend into existing natural habitats, residential neighborhoods and other Town features.

	(O.G.3.1 - revised)
Policy OSP-5.2	Maximize the use of public utility easements, flood control channels, school grounds and other quasi-public areas for recreational uses and playfields. (O.P.1.5)
Policy OSP-5.3	Encourage the development of informal gathering spaces for visitors and local residents in appropriate locations throughout the Town. (new)
Policy OSP-5.5	Utilize private and public landscaping to help open space and park areas along Town streets blend with the surrounding neighborhood. (O.P.3.3 – revised)
Policy OSP-5.6	Preserve open space and public uses upon the sale of existing school property in order to preserve school playing fields as developed open spaces. (O.P.3.5)
Policy OSP-5.7	Use the Public School Overlay Zone to keep closed school sites in public ownership and to preserve the playing fields as developed recreation space. (O.I.3.1)
Policy OSP-5.8	Require all new development to provide informal outdoor gathering spaces, where feasible. (new)
Policy OSP-5.9	Encourage new multi-family residential development to include tot lots or similar shared open space for young children. (new)
<b>Action OSP-5.1</b>	<b>Maintain and update the parks and open space inventory every <u>ten</u> <del>five</del>-years. (new)</b>
<b>Action OSP-5.2</b>	<b>Adopt Best Management Practice park service standards for the Town. (new)</b>
<b>Action OSP-5.3</b>	<b>Install interpretive signage at <del>all</del> parks, providing a description of features such as the park’s amenities, its history, any species that live in or near the park and existing or historic waterways. (new)</b>
Page OSP-18 Goal OSP-7	To preserve and enhance Los Gatos Creek and the Los Gatos Creek Trail as open space amenities. (new)
Policy OSP-7.1	Restore Los Gatos Creek to a more natural state, removing concrete channelization, where feasible. (new)
Policy OSP-7.2	Ensure that Los Gatos Creek Trail is accessible to and safe for all users. (new)
<b>Action OSP-7.1</b>	<b>Work with the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department, the Santa Clara Valley Water District and Caltrans to develop a restoration plan for channelized segments of Los Gatos Creek. (new)</b>

<b>Action OSP-7.2</b>	<b>Seek and obtain funding for creek restoration. (new)</b>
<b>Action OSP-7.3</b>	<b>Seek and obtain funding for beautification projects and trail connection opportunities along Los Gatos Creek and the Los Gatos Creek Trail. (new)</b>
<b>Action OSP-7.4</b>	<b>Conduct a study to determine if there are additional access opportunities along the Los Gatos Creek Trail. (new)</b>
<b>Action OSP-7.5</b>	<b>Conduct a study to determine the accessibility and safety of the existing access points along the Los Gatos Creek Trail. (new)</b>
Page OSP-19 Goal OSP-8	To protect Los Gatos's archaeological and cultural resources to maintain and enhance a unique sense of place. (new)
Policy OSP-8.1	Ensure that Los Gatos Creek Trail is accessible to and safe for all users. (new)
Policy OSP-8.2	Ensure the preservation, restoration and appropriate use of archaeological and/or culturally significant structures and sites. (new)
Policy OSP-8.3	Treat with respect and dignity any human remains discovered during implementation of public and private projects within the Town and fully comply with California laws that address the identification and treatment of human remains. (new)
Policy OSP-8.4	Require that if cultural resources, including archaeological or paleontological resources, are uncovered during grading or other on-site excavation activities, construction shall stop until appropriate mitigation is implemented. (new)
Policy OSP-8.5	Encourage development to avoid impacts to burial sites by designing or clustering development to avoid archaeological deposits that may contain human remains. (new)
<b>Action OSP-8.1</b>	<b>Develop guidelines for project review to ensure that potential impacts to archaeological and/or cultural resources are minimized. (new)</b>



## Environment and Sustainability Focus Area Goals, Policies and Actions

### Land Use Element

Page No./No.	Goal, Policies and Actions
Page LU-21 Goal LU-1	To maintain a balanced, economically stable community within environmental goals. (L.G.5.2)
Policy LU-1.1	Minimize vehicle miles traveled for goods and services by allowing and encouraging stores that provide these goods within walking distance of neighborhoods in Los Gatos. (new)
Policy LU-1.2	Promote telecommuting and home-based businesses by allowing live-work and work-live uses in existing and future residential development. (new)
Action LU-1.1	<b>Conduct a study to evaluate residential zoning districts to determine feasibility of incorporating neighborhood serving commercial uses, and define and adopt best management practices regarding incentives to encourage such uses. (new)</b>
Action LU-1.2	<del>Adopt more liberal</del> <b>Study</b> home occupation requirements that will encourage home based businesses that will not impact the neighborhood. (new)
Action LU-1.3	<del>Define and adopt best management practices regarding incentives to encourage appropriate neighborhood-serving commercial uses. (new)</del>

### Transportation Element

Page No./No.	Goal, Policies and Actions
Page TRA-24 Goal TRA-2	To create and maintain a safe, efficient and well designed roadway network. (new)
Policy TRA-2.1	Vehicular, bicyclist and pedestrian safety should be an important factor in the design of roadways. (T.P.1.2 –revised)
Policy TRA-2.2	Consider roundabouts as an alternative to signalized or traditionally controlled intersections. (new)
Policy TRA-2.8	Consider using roundabouts to calm traffic and increase the capacity of intersections. (T.I.1.17 - revised)
Policy TRA-2.9	Develop “complete streets” within the Town that include landscaping and shared space for bicycles, cars, pedestrians and transit. (new)
Action TRA-2.5	<b>Revise the Los Gatos Boulevard Plan to incorporate “complete street”</b>

	<b>strategies. (new)</b>
<b>Action TRA-2.6</b>	<b>Develop and implement a Streets Master Plan that incorporates “complete street” strategies. (new)</b>
Page TRA-29 Goal TRA-5	To ensure that Los Gatos’s streets are safe for all users, including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. (new)
<b>Action TRA-5.4</b>	<b>Install traffic-calming devices that <del>narrow streets and</del> encourage slower, safer through traffic. (new)</b>
Page TRA-34 Goal TRA-8	To improve mass transit within Los Gatos.
Policy TRA-8.1	Encourage the development and use of mass public transportation systems within the Town and surrounding region. (C.P.3.3)
Policy TRA-8.2	Coordinate with appropriate agencies and otherwise take initiative to plan and develop adequate transportation service for Town residents (e.g. bus, Santa Cruz express bus, rail, shuttle, light rail, jitney). (T.P.4.8)
Policy TRA-8.3	Work with transportation agencies to determine the feasibility and means of financing a Town-wide shuttle system. (V.I.1.4)
Policy TRA-8.4	Coordinate with appropriate agencies to provide transit service in the Town for seniors, school children, low income people, the physically disabled and other groups with special needs. (T.P.4.9 – revised)
Policy TRA-8.5	Encourage the use of the transit system by requiring developers to provide bus shelters and on-going maintenance as part of their developments. (T.I.4.7)
Policy TRA-8.6	Support State and County efforts to reduce automobile use and provide improved mass transit systems. (T.I.4.2 -revised)
Policy TRA-8.7	Work with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to develop bus-only lanes to decrease delays in transit. (T.I.4.8)
Policy TRA-8.8	Facilitate Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) services in Los Gatos through the provision of a bus station, bus shelters and other means. (T.I.4.5)
Policy TRA-8.9	Where feasible, all new projects over a certain size shall be required to provide covered and partially enclosed shelters consistent with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Standards that are adequate to buffer wind and rain and with at least one bench at each public transit stop. (new)

Action TRA-8.1	Develop and adopt a Transportation Master Plan with multimodal transportation requirements. (new)
Action TRA-8.4	Work with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to provide kiosks, bulletin boards and/or signs devoted to providing local public transit information. (new)
Page TRA-37 Goal TRA-10	To encourage increased levels of bicycling and walking. (T.G.5.1)
Policy TRA-10.1	Design, construct and maintain safe bicycle paths, lanes and route connections. (new)
Policy TRA-10.2	Encourage schools, parks and shopping areas to provide bicycling amenities, such as parking facilities and lockers. (new)
Policy TRA-10.3	Coordinate with local agencies to provide educational programs on safe bicycling for all ages. (new)
Policy TRA-10.4	Continue to support the Bicycle Advisory Committee. (new)
Policy TRA-10.5	Roads designated as bicycle routes should be constructed to be safe for both bicycles and vehicles. (T.P.5.10)
Policy TRA-10.6	Develop a system of bicycle lanes and bicycle routes to foster bicycle use throughout the Town. (T.P.5.11)
Policy TRA-10.7	Provide median refuges, bike-friendly signals and signs at key minor street crossings. (T.I.5.13)
Policy TRA-10.8	Paint the bicycle symbol on the pavement to designate shared use facilities. (T.I.5.14)
Action TRA-10.1	Identify and improve sidewalks <u>and crosswalks</u> as needed to make continuous and safe pedestrian connections, <del>throughout the Town.</del> (new)
Page TRA-39/ Goal TRA-11	To provide a safe and efficient system of bicycle and multiple use trails throughout the Town, creating a non-motorized connection to recreational and commuting destinations. (T.G.5.2)
Policy TRA-11.2	Hillside roads (noted by an asterisk in Section E.3.b, Local Bikeway Improvements, above) shall not be designated or signed as bike routes until they are upgraded to safely handle both bicycle and automobile traffic. (T.I.5.12)
Policy TRA-11.3	Trails should be:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Located so as not to impact existing homes wherever possible.</li> <li>b. Located within the open space areas of subdivisions that have dedicated open space as a condition of subdivision approval.</li> <li>c. “Cross-country” type, as opposed to trails bordering roads, wherever possible.</li> <li>d. Located on the first property to develop, if a trail location is adaptable to either of two adjacent properties. (T.P.5.8)</li> </ul>
Policy TRA-11.4	“Cross-country” trail easements shall be wide enough to contain the trail and provide sufficient area on both sides to buffer surrounding properties from trail users. (T.P.5.9)
Policy TRA-11.5	Require dedication of easements and construction of trails, as a condition of approval for all hillside development applications. (T.I.5.1)
Policy TRA-11.6	Trail dedication shall be included as a condition of approval for any development which includes a section of trail shown on the Trails Plan. (O.I.2.2 - revised)
Policy TRA-11.7	<p>Cooperate in implementing the 1995 Santa Clara County Master Trails Plan by including the following proposed trail routes within the Town of Los Gatos that provide critical linkages to the region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Shannon Road (R1-A)</li> <li>b. Los Gatos/Saratoga Road (R1-A)</li> <li>c. Southern Pacific Rail Corridor (C-9) (T.I.5.3)</li> </ul>
<b>Action TRA-11.1</b>	<b>Develop and implement a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan that will result in a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian network throughout the Town. (new)</b>
<b>Action TRA-11.3</b>	<b>Conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of developing new multi-use trails for pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians. (new)</b>

## Environment and Sustainability Element

<b>Page No./No.</b>	<b>Goal, Policies and Actions</b>
Page ENV-10/ Goal ENV-1	To preserve and protect native plants and plant communities in the Town, and promote the appropriate use of local, native plants in habitat restoration and landscaping. (CG 4.1 - revised)
Policy ENV-1.1	Preserve trees that are protected under the Town’s Tree Protection Ordinance, as well as other native heritage, heritage and specimen trees. (C.P.4.2 - revised)
Policy ENV-1.2	Public and private projects shall protect special-status native plant species. (C.P.4.7 - revised)

Policy ENV-1.3	Prohibit development that significantly depletes, damages or alters existing special-status plants. (C.P.4.8 - revised)
Policy ENV-1.4	Prohibit off-road vehicles and bicycles in native plant habitats. (C.P.4.14 - revised)
Policy ENV-1.5	Prohibit the use of invasive plant species listed by the California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) for all new construction. (new)
Policy ENV-1.6	Use native plants that are indigenous to the Los Gatos area on Town-owned and controlled property, when feasible.
Policy ENV-1.7	Require new development to use native plants or other appropriate non-invasive plants to reduce maintenance and irrigation costs and the disturbance of adjacent natural habitat. (C.I.4.1 - revised)
<b>Action ENV-1.3</b>	<b><del>Identify</del>Create and make available a list of native, non-invasive plants for the local area. (new)</b>

Page ENV-27 Goal ENV-7	To promote a sustainable community by protecting environmental resources without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs (L.G.8.2 - revised)
Policy ENV-7.1	Encourage development to address “heat island” effects by including cool roofs, cool pavements and strategically placed shade trees. (new)
Policy ENV-7.2	Attract and retain businesses that incorporate sustainable practices into their operations and that produce goods or services that contribute to sustainability. (new)
<b>Action ENV-7.1</b>	<b>Develop a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan and/or Climate Action Plan to control and reduce GHG emissions. Development of this plan shall include the following steps:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Conduct a baseline analysis (GHG emissions inventory) for 1990, or most appropriate baseline year;</b></li> <li><b>b. Adopt an emissions reduction target;</b></li> <li><b>c. Develop strategies and actions for reducing emissions;</b></li> <li><b>d. Develop strategies and actions within a climate change preparedness analysis for adaptation to climate change;</b></li> <li><b>e. Implement strategies and actions; and</b></li> <li><b>f. Monitor emissions and verify results. Require Town operations and actions, as well as land use approvals to be consistent with this plan(s). This plan shall be in place prior to adoption of any specific plan. Adopt the Climate Action Plan within 24 months of adoption of the</b></li> </ol>

	Updated General Plan. (new)
Action ENV-7.2	Develop applicable Planning and Building design review standards to evaluate a project's contribution to GHG emissions. (new)
Action ENV-7.3	Develop a "heat island" mitigation plan that includes guidelines for cool roofs, cool pavements and strategically placed shade trees. Amend the applicable Design Guidelines to integrate the guidelines. <del>Require all new development and major rehabilitation (i.e. additions of 25,000 square feet of office/retail commercial or 50,000 square feet of industrial floor area) projects to incorporate any combination of the following strategies to reduce heat gain for 50 percent of the non-roof impervious site landscape, which includes roads, sidewalks, courtyards, parking lots and driveways: shaded within five years of occupancy; paving materials with a Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) of at least 29; open grid pavement system; and parking spaces underground, under deck, under roof, or under a building. Any roof used to shade or cover parking shall have an SRI of at least 29.</del> (new)
Page ENV-29/ Goal ENV-8	To reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. (new)
Policy ENV-8.1	Support employer incentive programs for carpooling and use of other forms of alternative transportation. (new)
Policy ENV-8.2	Promote local employment opportunities to reduce consumption of fuel used for commuting. (C.P.7.8)
Policy ENV-8.3	Work with local school districts to encourage carpooling to schools. (new)
Policy ENV-8.4	The Town shall encourage the use of non-polluting fuels by requiring the inclusion of natural gas fueling stations and electric charging stations in development approvals (T.I.4.3)
Policy ENV-8.5	Encourage electric charging stations in new public and private developments and remodels, including parking garages; develop incentives to encourage retrofits in existing facilities. (CI 3.4)
Action ENV-8.1	Provide incentives for new projects that provide parking spaces reserved for electric vehicles (EVs) and have a charging connection. (new)
Action ENV-8.2	Identify opportunities to increase and/or change the Town's vehicle fleet to maximize the use of alternative fuels. (new)
Action ENV-8.3	<del>Conduct a study to determine appropriate</del> Establish criteria for using vehicle miles traveled when evaluating <del>municipal services and/or development applications.</del> (new)



Page ENV-30/ Goal ENV-9	To encourage sustainable procurement, extended producer responsibility and innovative strategies to become a zero-waste Town. (new)
Policy ENV-9.1	Continue to pursue energy-efficiency in Town operations (C.P.7.6)
Policy ENV-9.2	Encourage the use of bags and packaging that can be reused or recycled. (new)
Policy ENV-9.3	Encourage the use of recycled-content construction materials in new construction. (new)
Policy ENV-9.4	Reuse and rehabilitate existing buildings when appropriate and feasible in order to reduce waste, conserve resources and energy, and reduce construction costs. (new)
Policy ENV-9.5	Incorporate a “life-cycle costing” approach into Town purchasing considerations that takes into account longterm cost savings from energy efficient products. (new)
Policy ENV-9.6	Require all new and existing m areas for their residents. (new)
<b>Action ENV-9.2</b>	<b>Develop a plan for becoming a zero waste community (new)</b>
<b>Action ENV-9.3</b>	<b>Revise existing construction and demolition ordinance to require at least 50 percent diversion (i.e. reuse or recycling) of non-hazardous construction waste from disposal. (new)</b>
<del><b>Action ENV-9.4</b></del>	<del><b>Develop education and promotion programs to promote recycling by occupants of multi-family buildings. (new)</b></del>
<b>Action ENV-9.5</b>	<b>Expand educational programs to inform residents about reuse, recycling, composting, waste to energy and zero waste programs. (new)</b>
Page ENV-32/ Goal ENV-10	To foster development that reduces the use of nonrenewable energy resources and expands the use of renewable resources and alternative fuels. (new)
Policy ENV-10.1	Require construction and use of technologies that maximize energy conservation. (C.P.7.1 - revised)
Policy ENV-10.2	Require the use of energy conservation techniques and technology in existing development. (C.P.7.2 - revised)
Policy ENV-10.3	Protect existing development from loss of solar access. (C.P.7.5)
Policy ENV-10.4	Encourage the use of renewable energy sources and alternative fuels. (C.P.7.7)

Policy ENV-10.5	Promote, incentivize and recognize energy efficiency efforts of local non-residential uses. (new)
Policy ENV-10.6	Require new subdivisions to examine the feasibility of incorporating site layouts that allow for passive solar heating and cooling. (new)
Policy ENV-10.7	Require new development to incorporate measures that reduce energy use through solar orientation by taking advantage of shade, prevailing winds, landscaping and sun screens. (new)
Action ENV-10.1	<p><b>Continue to adopt the following energy saving steps for Town facilities and operations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Conduct, with assistance from PG&amp;E, a thorough energy audit of all Town facilities to identify cost effective opportunities for conservation and use of solar energy systems.</b></li> <li>b. <b>Designate a high-level staff person as the Town Energy Manager who is responsible for coordinating and meeting in-house energy conservation goals.</b></li> <li>c. <b>Establish realistic yearly goals for reductions in Town energy costs and keep Town personnel aware of program status.</b></li> <li>d. <b>Establish a fuel conservation program for the Town vehicle fleet and require Gas Cap driver training for all employees who use fleet vehicles. (C.I.7.5)</b></li> </ul>
Action ENV-10.2	<p><b>Study the feasibility of requiring energy and water efficiency audits at time-of-sale for commercial and residential properties. (new)</b></p> <p><i>(GPAC directed staff to list other options in addition to this study. Town staff will present a list of options to the Planning Commission.)</i></p>
Page ENV-34/ Goal ENV-11	To promote green buildings that minimize consumption of energy and natural resources. (new)
Policy ENV-11.1	Require new construction and remodels to use energy- and resource-efficient and ecologically sound designs, technologies and building materials, as well as recycled materials to promote sustainability. (CD.P.1.12 - revised)
Policy ENV-11.2	Require higher levels of energy efficiency as house size increases. (C.P.7.9)
Policy ENV-11.3	Encourage reductions in the use of nonrenewable resources in building construction, maintenance and operations. (C.P.6.4)
Policy ENV-11.4	Encourage new multi-family construction to include green roofs and common space for community gardens. (new)
Policy ENV-11.5	Require all new homes to follow the Town's adopted GreenPoint Rated Building Guidelines. (new)

Policy ENV-11.6	Provide incentives for projects that achieve a LEED-Silver or higher rating or comparable GreenPoint rating. (new)
Policy ENV-11.7	Encourage LEED certification or comparable certification for new non-residential buildings over 5,000 square feet (new)
Policy ENV-11.8	Provide expedited permit processing for new construction or substantial remodels that exceed Title 24 requirements by at least 20 percent. (new)
Policy ENV-11.9	New Town-owned facilities shall serve as examples of sustainable development by utilizing recycled and renewable resources, water conserving fixtures and landscaping, and energy efficient systems and appliances (new)
Policy ENV-11.10	Continue to promote the weatherization of all homes through publicizing available utility energy audit and financing programs and investigate the possibility of contracting with PG&E to identify participants. (C.I.7.3 - revised)
Policy ENV-11.11	Provide public education and publicity about energy efficiency and emissions reduction programs and incentives. (new)
Policy ENV-11.12	Provide green building information, marketing, training and technical assistance to property owners, development professionals, schools and special districts. (new)
Policy ENV-11.13	Coordinate with other local governments, special districts, nonprofits and other public organizations to share resources, achieve economies of scale and develop green building policies and programs that are optimized on a regional scale (new)
Policy ENV-11.14	Provide permitting-related and other incentives for energy efficient building projects, for example by giving green projects priority in plan review, processing and field inspection services. (new)
Action ENV-11.3	<b>Establish outdoor lighting standards in the Town Code <u>to address energy efficiency</u>. <del>Require outdoor lighting fixtures to be energy efficient. Require parking lot light fixtures and light fixtures on buildings to be on full cut-off fixtures, except emergency exit or safety lighting and all permanently installed exterior lighting to be controlled by either a photocell or an astronomical time switch. Prohibit continuous all night outdoor lighting in sports stadiums, construction sites and rural areas unless they are required for security reasons.</del> (new)</b>
Action ENV-11.4	<b>Consider adopting the Santa Clara County Cities Association recommendations or regional standards/recommendations for green building requirements. (new)</b>
Action ENV-11.5	<b>Train all plan review and building inspection staff in green building <u>and</u></b>



	<u>energy efficiency</u> materials, techniques and practices. (new)
Action ENV-11.6	Identify and remove regulatory or procedural barriers to implementing green building practices in the Town, such as updating codes, guidelines and zoning. (new)

## Human Services Element

Page No./No.	Goal, Policies and Actions
Page HS-8 Goal HS-6	To ensure that bicycling and walking is safe for youth throughout the Town. (new)
Policy HS-6.1	Promote educational programs for youth that encourage safe and fun bicycle commuting and recreational riding. (new)
Policy HS-6.2	Promote the Safe Routes to School program, which supports safety improvements that encourage safe walking and bicycling to school. (new)
Policy HS-6.3	Coordinate with local organizations and school districts to develop innovative programs, such as “Walking School Buses” and “Bicycle Trains” that encourage youth to commute to and from school in groups. (new)
Action HS-6.2	Identify safety improvements that will allow for safe walking and bicycling to school. (new)
Page HS-36 Goal HS-17	To conserve the water resources of the Town and promote the efficient use of water to ensure an adequate water supply for the Town’s plant and wildlife populations as well as human populations. (C.G.2.1, C.G.2.4, C.G.2.5 and S.P.3.4 combined)
Policy HS-17.1	Landscaping and hardscaping shall meet water conservation requirements in the Water Efficiency Landscaping Ordinance. (CD.P.1.17 - revised)
Policy HS-17.2	Require new single-family construction to incorporate water-efficient landscaping following the Town’s Water Efficiency Landscaping Ordinance. (new)
Policy HS-17.3	Require new multi-family construction to incorporate water-efficient landscaping following the Town’s Water Efficiency Landscaping Ordinance. (new)
Policy HS-17.4	Encourage the use of Bay-Friendly Landscaping standards, in addition to the landscaping standards in the GreenPoint Rated Building Guidelines for new home construction and remodeled homes. (new)
Policy HS-17.5	Encourage the use of artificial turf for existing and all new sports fields. (new)

Policy HS-17.6	Continue to review all landscape plans as specified by the Town Code section on Water Efficient Landscaping. (C.I.2.6)
Policy HS-17.7	Require the use of water-saving devices in new developments and plumbing-related remodels, and develop incentives to encourage their installation in existing development. (C.I.2.9)
Policy HS-17.8	Promote the installation of water-efficient irrigation management systems and devices, such as evapotranspiration or soil moisture-based irrigation controls. (new)
<b>Action HS-17.1</b>	<b>Review and update the Town's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance with improved large landscape conservation programs and agency incentives for non-residential customers. (new)</b>
<b>Action HS-17.2</b>	<b>In collaboration with efforts by local water purveyors, promote water audit programs that offer free water audits to single-family, multi-family, large landscape accounts and commercial customers. Collaborate with purveyors to enact conservation programs for commercial, industrial and institutional (CII) accounts and create programs to install ultra-low-flush toilets in facilities. (new)</b>
<b>Action HS-17.3</b>	<b>Study the benefits and consequences of using artificial turf, specifically related to drainage. (new)</b>
Page HS-38 Goal HS-18	To encourage the use of recycled and reclaimed water. (new)
Policy HS-18.1	Require the use of recycled water when available. (new)
Policy HS-18.2	Cooperate with the Santa Clara Valley Water District and other appropriate agencies to explore options for bringing reclaimed water to Los Gatos, and provide incentives to encourage its use for public and private landscaping and decorative lakes, ponds and fountains. (C.I.2.10 - revised)
Policy HS-18.3	Use recycled water for Town landscaping, including parks and medians, where appropriate. (new)
Policy HS-18.4	Encourage dual plumbing in large new commercial and/or residential developments to enable future use of recycled water. (new)
<b>Action HS-18.1</b>	<b>Develop incentives for dual plumbing in new development. (new)</b>